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MESSAGE

Re.: 10663125 filed 09/16/2003

Dear April,

Recently, I filed a change of correspondence request in bulk with the EBC. The EBC rejected several of these changes indicating that I am not the attorney of record. After further consideration, the EBC realized that indeed I had been named in the originally filed Power of Attorney. At the request of the EBC, however I am processing this request directly with each individual examiner. Accordingly, please find enclosed the Declaration and Power of Attorney indicating that I am the attorney of record. Kindly effect the change of correspondence request. The correspondence address should reflect me as the corresponding attorney at the above address.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me at the above-listed number. Thank you in advance for your assistance with this matter.

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DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY FOR PATENT APPLICATION

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name; I believe I am an original, first and joint inventor of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

AUTONOMIC CLUSTER-BASED OPTIMIZATION

the specification of which is identified by the attorney (IBM) Docket Number appearing above.

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to the patentability of this application in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, § 1.56.

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code, § 119 of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate listed below and have also identified below any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed:

Prior Foreign Application(s)

Number

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Day/Month/Year

Priority Claimed

I hereby claim the benefit (a) under Titte 35, United States Code, § 119(e) of any U.S. application listed below and identified as a provisional application, or (b) under Title 35, United States Code, § 120 of any U.S. application listed below and not identified as a provisional application, and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior U.S. application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of Title 35, United States Code, § 112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose information material to the patentability of this application as defined in Title 37. Code of Federal Regulations, § 1.56 which occurred between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of this application.

Prior U.S. Application(s)

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I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

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